

CLINICAL LABORATORY, BLOOD BANK AND TISSUE BANK ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
GDHR Public Health Laboratory
Decatur, Georgia

March 16, 2006

Attendance: Members: Patrick Godbey – Chairperson, Joeline Davidson, CLS(NCA), Linton Kuchler, M.D., Carletha Durham, MT(AMT), James Richtie, Ph.D., Susan Roman, M.MSc.; **Alternates:** Cathy Minish, MT(ASCP), Hattie Gallon, MT(AMT); **DHR:** Sharon Dougherty, Deputy Director of Office of Regulatory Services, Leslee Pool, Compliance Officer, Office of Regulatory Services, Jeannie Arnold, Program Director, Diagnostic Services Unit, Health Care Section, Office of Regulatory Services; **Guests:** Catherine Weaver, WellStar Health System, Carol Hurley, AMT member

Absent: Member: Thomas Shepherd

Recorder:

Item	Discussion	Action/Responsibility	Due Date
1 – Call to Order & Introductions	Dr. Godbey presided over introductions and calling meeting to order	All attendees introduced themselves	
2 – Minutes of January 12, 2006 Advisory Committee meeting.	Review of minutes, correction made to the misspelling of Dr. Kuchler's name. The committee discussed the need for receiving the minutes in a more timely manner. The committee suggested a two-week timeframe for the minutes to be completed. Sharon Dougherty suggested a summary format for the minutes, which shorten the minutes in their present form.	Jeannie Arnold stated the minutes would be available as soon as possible. Minutes were approved with correction of Dr. Kuchler's name.	First week of April, 2006
3 – Old Business	<p>a) Nominations for Council Members The following nominations from ASCLS and Georgia Hospital Associations were: Joeline Davidson – Medical Technologist (ASCLS) Cathy Minish – 1st Alternate Elizabeth Leibach, Ph.D. – 2nd Alternate Larry Steed – Hospital Administrator Tanner Villa Rica by the Georgia Hospital Association No other nominations were presented by the respective organizations.</p> <p>The following committee members whose terms expire December 31, 2006 were sent letters: Susan Roman – Member Linton L. Kuchler, M.D. – Member Carletha Durham – Member</p>	<p>The nominations for the advisory committee members for the terms beginning in 2006 will be presented to the DHR board by Marty Rotter for approval.</p> <p>The nominations for the new individuals to serve on the committee must be sent to Jeannie Arnold.</p>	<p>May, 2006</p> <p>September or October, 2006</p>

	<p>b) Revised Personnel Regulations</p> <p>Leslee Pool presented the revisions</p> <p>1st – Competency – No changes were made to the present document. The competency piece was taken from the advisory committee’s recommendations.</p> <p>2nd - The committee wanted the national testing agencies names not to be listed, however, the department stated that good rule writing must include these names.</p> <p>3rd - Removal of National Healthcare (NCA) wrong initials.</p> <p>4th – Delegated responsibilities versus limited responsibilities. Sharon explained that the way the present law is written a technician can only work without supervision if performing limited testing. These tests are listed in the regulations. All other tasks must be delegated by a technologist to technician who has met competency requirements.</p> <p>5th - The experience piece is in the regulations.</p> <p>6th – The committee wanted to delete the section concerning the grandfathering of those technicians or technologists working prior to July 1970. Jeannie informed the committee that some people are stilling working in the state.</p> <p>c) Legislative Update</p> <p>House Bill 1218 represents the pharmacist who would like to perform all waived testing but it does not seem to be going anywhere this session. However, it could get attached to another bill.</p>	<p>The revised personnel regulations will be presented to the DHR board by Marty Rotter with a request for a public hearing.</p>	
4 – New Business	<p>Hematology quality control was discussed as well as other antiqued procedures. There was a discussion concerning updating the guidelines and the rules and regulations. Point of Care instrumentation was discussed and questions concerning the list, which was approved by the committee. No new instrumentation has been presented to the committee for approval.</p>		

5 – Adjourn	The next meeting was set for May 11, 2006 at 10:00 am at the GDHR Public Health Laboratory. The motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting		
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